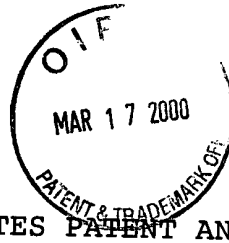


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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
HIROYUKI OGINO, ET AL.) : Examiner: Unassigned
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SECOND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3), a concise explanation of relevance for the non-English documents may be found in the specification at pages 2-4, 15 and 25. Also, Applicants have obtained English language computer database abstracts for the non-English documents and attached them to their respective copies.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Application:

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>GROUP ART UNIT</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
08/974,513	November 19, 1997	1774	Pending
08/625,708	April 3, 1996	1774	Pending

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(iii) no copy of any cited U.S. Application is enclosed.

FORMAL MATTERS

In accordance with 37 C.F.R § 1.97(b)(3), since a first Official Action on the merits of the subject application has not yet been issued, neither a certificate, petition nor payment of a fee is believed to be required for this Second Information Disclosure Statement. However, the Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee which may be required in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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